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SUBJ: NATO ECONADS: BASKET II CONSULTATION ON ENVIRONMENT

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, LEIF  
MEVIK; AND OFFICE DIRECTOR BJORN OSTERN SEP 13 TO DISCUSS  
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BASKET II ENVIRONMENT SUBJECTS OUTLINED REF A.

2. IN GENERAL, THE GON ACCORDING TO MESSRS. MEVIK AND OSTERN,  
IS VERY PLEASED WITH THE U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARDS BASKET II  
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. THEY ARE PARTICULARLY HAPPY  
WITH THE PRIORITY WE ACCORD TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION  
AS A POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEM. LOOKING AHEAD, MEVIK SAID

THE GON SEES TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS; THE SEP 19 ECE MEETING AND THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

2. SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING: THE GON FAVORS HAVING TRANS-BOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION AS THE MAJOR AGENDA ITEM ALTHOUGH THEY COULD ACCEPT ITEMS (LISTED REF A) ON THROUGH FIVE; THEY AGREE THAT THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT ITEM IS TOXIC SUBSTANCES. IDEALLY THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN AGENDA MADE UP OF ITEMS ONE THROUGH THREE. ABOVE ALL, HOWEVER, THE NORWEGIANS WISH TO RETAIN THEIR FLEXIBILITY AS THEY GO INTO THE SEP 19 MEETING. PROCEDURALLY, MEVIK AND OSTERN COULD FORESEE THE SETTING UP OF TASK FORCES TO MEASURE EACH TOPIC AGAINST THE CRITERIA POSED EARLIER. BOTH WERE AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN NAMING SCIENTISTS TO THE TASK FORCES AS SOME ECE REPS HAD SUGGESTED AT THE SEP 8 MEETING.

3. BELGRADE MEETING: MEVIK AND OSTERN EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE THE GON IS NOT CLEAR HOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUBJECT AND CSCE SHOULD BE APPROACHED, THEY WOULD FAVOR HAVING THE CONFERENCE BLESS THE SUBSTANCE AND QUOTE WELCOME UNQUOTE A SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL MEETING. WHAT THE GON DOES NOT WANT IS FOR CSCE DELIBERATIONS TO GET IN THE WAY OF THE ECE WORK ALREADY IN TRAIN.

4. SOVIET PERSPECTIVE: OSTERN, WHO ATTENDED THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SEP 9 MEETING, MENTIONED THAT THE NORWEGIAN DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA HAD DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF THE AGENDA WITH HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART AND HAD BEEN TOLD THAT MOSCOW CONSIDERS:

-- THAT AN AGENDA OF AT LEAST THREE ITEMS IS POSSIBLE

-- THAT TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION AND LOW WASTE TECHNOLOGY CLEARLY MEET THE CRITERIA

-- THAT MINISTERS COULD DISCUSS TOPICS AND CHARGE COMMITTEES TO CONTINUE WORK ON THEM AND REPORT BACK.

OSTERN NOTED THAT THE SOVIET POINTS ARE EMBODIED IN A FINNISH PROPOSAL.  
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